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Dear Minoo,

Thanks for your letter of June 20. It appears from this letter that you had sent me 3 letters earlier, two to Patna and one to Delhi. I have asked Abraham to look through the correspondence file and he tells me that apart from the condolence letter, to which I had replied, of April 24 (copy enclosed), there have been only two letters from you dated May 1 and May 18.

I am sorry for not replying to these letters in time. The fact is that I am feeling so low and depressed that I seem hardly to be able to do anything unless it becomes absolutely unavoidable. It was because of this mood of depression that I decided not to go to Simla - it seemed so disloyal to do that alone. I have been in Patna since June 5, but have just been vegetating. Incidentally, I am not keeping so well either.

For the past few days I have been going through Prabhavati's papers and have been so deeply touched to find that she had preserved all my letters to her from 1921 onwards! Reading these letters I have re-lived my life for the past half a century and more - mostly with tears blinding my eyes. Well, why am I saying all this?

Minoo, I shall be in Bombay from July 22 to August 2. Thanks for inviting me to stay with you - I would have loved to do so. But Raja and my nephew, Anil, have been insisting that I must stay with them (Address: 8/2, Ajanta Apartments, 175 Bhagat Singh Road, Colaba, Bombay-5). I shall really reach Bombay on the 17th July, and, stopping for a day at Ruparel House, go to Poona for four days, returning on the 22nd July.

More when we meet.

Yours sincerely,

(Jayaprakash Narayan)

PS:

Govindrao and a few other friends are arranging my programme, mostly in connection with Trusteeship matters. Kindly get in touch with them. Sri Narottam Shah of the Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal will tell you all about it (Phone 352061).

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Patna

April 24, 1973

My dear Minoo,

Thank you so much for your telegram and the letter of April 17. Kindly convey to the Swatantra Party my sincere thanks for their resolution of condolence.

Minoo, there is so much that I would like to tell you at this moment but I find it difficult to do so now. All of us knew and Prabhavati more than any one else that she did not have much longer to live, but I must say no one expected until the morning of April 15 that she would pass away in a few hours. I had prepared myself for the past several months for losing her for ever, but the suddenness with which the event happened has left me completely shattered. Therefore, kindly pardon me if I do not respond to your affectionate suggestions. Maybe, when we meet we shall talk more about it.

I know my programme for the next few weeks - in Patna until April 28; in my village for a few days returning to Patna on the 4th May and leave for Delhi on the 6th May for a thorough check up of my health. After that I shall be going to Vinobaji for a week then perhaps to Calcutta, returning thence to Patna in early June. Only after that I shall be able to decide about my future programme. It is possible that from Vinobaji's place I may not go to Calcutta and return to Delhi instead and come here in the first or second week of June.

Thank you again Minoo for your kind words of sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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